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Additional Sports

JULY WAS MONTH OF BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL ODDITY

Extra-inning Games, no-hit Contests, Accidents Distinguished Month—Thousand Britons Coming to See Yacht Race

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NEW YORK, August 1.—A series of unusual occurrences marked July in professional baseball. Extra-inning, no-hit games, and accidents on the diamond were grouped within a few days, as was the case just about this period in 1913. Taking these unusual features by dates, July 17 saw Clyde Milan in collision with Moeller, his team-mate, as both raced for a fly ball in the Washington-Cleveland game with the result that Milan received a badly fractured jaw. On the same day George Weaver, captain of the Chicago White Sox, collided with Demmitt under similar circumstances and was severely injured about the head. A no-hit no-run game and a twenty-one inning struggle also figured in the records of July 17. At Pittsburgh the New York Giants and the Pittsburgh Pirates played twenty-one innings, the New York club winning by 3 to 1. Rube Marquand and Babe Adams, the rival pitchers, twirled the entire contest. With the exception of the twenty-four inning game between the Philadelphia Athletics and the Boston Americans on September 1, 1906, this is the longest game ever played in the major leagues.

Three days previously the Hartford club defeated the New Haven team 2 to 1 in a twenty-three inning game in the Eastern association, which is the third longest game in the record of professional baseball. The twenty-six inning contest between Decatur and Bloomington of the Three-I League, played on May 31, 1909, still holds first place and the Philadelphia-Boston twenty-four inning match second position in the record of long games. Getting back to July 17 again, James Withers, pitcher of the Duluth club of the Northern League, twirled a no-hit, no-run game against the Virginia club of the same league. This is the third hitless game of the Northern League this season. The next day at Lebanon, Pa., the Lincoln Giants, a semi-professional team, varied the schedule by defeating the home club 23 to 2, and incidentally scoring eight home runs. Three players each secured two circuit hits. Moving on to July 19, the records show that the Wichita club of the Western League defeated Sioux City 3 to 2 in a twenty-two inning game which required four hours and forty-eight minutes to play. On the same day at Long Branch, N. J., Jose Acosta, the Cuban pitcher of the seashore team, shut out the St. Louis American League club without a hit or run, winning a 3 to 0 victory in which he did not give a base on balls and had but twelve balls called on his delivery for the full nine innings.

Coming to See Yacht Race
Enthusiasm regarding the chances of the Shamrock IV, lifting the America cup has increased remarkably throughout England since the Lipton challenger sailed for American shores. A number of private parties have arranged to cross the Atlantic to witness the cup races off Sandy Hook and the latest scheme is subscription tours to the states for the international yachting event. The trips which are to cover a period of thirty-five days are advertised at public subscription at \$525. The service includes steamship and hotel accommodations in addition to excursion steamer to follow the cup contenders. It is expected that from

500 to 1,000 will be sold before the books close late this month.

While interest in professional baseball appeared to lag somewhat early this season and the attendance at big league games showed a considerable falling off, there seems to be no lack of activity among the amateurs who take part in outdoor sports of the more strenuous order. This can be readily accounted for by the amateur field, which embraces not alone the national game on the diamond, but golf, tennis and kindred sports. The trend of the hour among those who follow these active sports seems to be a desire to be participants in rather than spectators of these various forms of recreation.

Inquiries made among the big marts where golf, tennis and baseball paraphernalia is sold, elicited the assurance that the demand for accessories for all these games has increased wonderfully this season. The sales of golfing requisites far exceeds those of any previous year since the royal and ancient game was introduced here two decades ago. The market for tennis racquets and other appurtenances shows a decided gain over last year's, while the demand for baseball supplies in every grade was never more pronounced.

That the international contests have made interest keener in these sports goes without saying and there is no telling to what extent it may increase, as from all quarters reports indicate that the feeling of anxiety for national supremacy is world-wide and not likely to abate for years to come in every branch of sport.

In every part of the country golf and tennis clubs are enjoying unusual success as the increase in active membership and the many lengthy waiting lists of those desiring to join clearly testify. Golf particularly has secured a decided prominence and the proficiency shown by the younger element has made it incumbent on the officials of the United States Golf association to confine the entries for national honors to those who are rated at five strokes or under in the handicap list this year.

Motorboat Races
Motorboat devotees are to have their period of international competition during the next two weeks in the races for the Harmsworth trophy at Cowes, Isle of Wight. The United States will be represented in the struggle for the world's speed championship, meeting the fastest motorboats of England, France and Germany. The American entry is Disturber IV, built by Commodore James A. Pugh, of Chicago, which has shown bursts of speed close to fifty miles per hour. The cup challenger is hydroplane in type, fitted with engines of 1800 horsepower and the officers of the Motorboat Club of America believe that the western water flier has an excellent chance of regaining the trophy.

The initial races of the series will be held today with the running of the English eliminations. Four cup defenders are eligible, three of the boats being those used by the British Royal Motor Yacht club in successfully defending the cup last year. Under the deed of gift each country may be represented by teams of three motorboats, but the United States will have but one entry, as was the case last year, when Ankle Deep ran third twice and second once, in the three races necessary to give Maple-leaf IV, of the English team the 1913 championship. The winning boat averaged over 56 miles per hour in her first victory.

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"The lack of need of defense of the home and nation, and the multiplication of populous centers, removed the necessity and opportunity for the continuance of the general use of the rifle. Another factor in the decline of rifle shooting has been the rapid development of high-powered arms with excessive range. The lesser range of the 'spatter' or shotgun, the greater certainty of the unskilled marksman getting what he shot at and the fact that the small shot did not mutilate the game, led to the general adoption of this firearm for hunting. But increase in population and decrease in the quantity of game, with the consequent enactment of stringent game protec-

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